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Majority prices were unchanged in the West, higher elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Retail demand was seasonally light to moderate with interest usually focused on more traditional holiday items. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were in balance to well cleared with smaller sizes fully sufficient in the East. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate entering the week. Breast items were balanced to available and moving satisfactorily. Dark meat was adequate to at times closer balanced, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 21-MAR-2005.

(cents per lb)	US GRADE A	COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New Eng	TFEWR			68.37	20
Chicago	67.00-70.00	70.01	40	71.93	72
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			73.28	24
Denver	79.50	79.50	14	79.81	16
Detroit	69.00-70.00	71.50	8	72.10	53
Los Angeles	80.00	79.42	62	79.34	128
New York	72.00-74.00	72.78	23	70.39	73
Philadelphia	70.50-72.00	71.36	11	70.93	22
Pittsburgh	71.00-73.00	71.91	11	73.39	58
St. Louis	69.50-69.75	69.48	20	67.92	35
San Francisco	80.50	80.77	37	82.13	63

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/21/05	Change/Last Wk	03/14/05	03/22/04
564	74.07	1.10	72.97	76.52

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	74.00-75.00	74.56	31
Central	71.50-77.00	73.79	66
Western	77.00-80.00	78.56	37

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	74.00-76.00	74.10	90
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,111	67.00-76.00	73.10

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50	1,441
BREASTS - B/S	153.00	5,897
BREASTS - WHOLE	87.50	1,488
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.00	1,064
LEG QUARTERS	32.00	7,658
WINGS	106.50	3,022

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to no better than moderate entering the week, as dealers look to other more traditional holiday items. Offerings of 3.5 pound and heavier sizes were in good balance to well cleared; smaller sizes were more than sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were in fairly good balance and clearing satisfactory. Wings were available. Dark meat cuts were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand following the weekend was seasonally light to moderate with limited trading due to limited holiday needs and interest for other meat items. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to well cleared. Processing schedules for this week are mixed with some plants down Friday for Good Friday. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Breast items were balanced to close, dark meat was adequate to less available, and wings were at least sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at generally unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to mainly higher prices on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate with buyers' interest focused on holiday items. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 33-36 bulk and 4/10s 36.5-39, boneless leg meat 84-87, breast bone-in 98-115 and boneless 152-156, wings 89-108. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 78.07 up 2.61 with the volume reported at 28 loads unchanged from a week ago.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer majority prices were higher from last Monday's final in Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis; Ohio cities TFEWR. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings were light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate over the weekend; best interest into fast food channels. Floor stocks closely balanced to instances short; weights desirable. Supplies of small wings and leg items closely balanced, boneless skinless breasts adequate to available, and large wings fully adequate. Market tone was in a full range of steady to fully steady with the exception of wings, which were barely steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonal active with seller offerings adequate and in generally good balance, particularly on the 3.50 pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 72 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, supplies were at least adequate on wings, other items were in fairly good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	69-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	77.43
NO. OF BOXES	5,381

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate entering the week as most dealers were selective as activity centered around other traditional holiday items. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily. Bone-in breast were adequate to at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient, with the exception of thighs which were in good balance. Wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on breast items and tenders. Wings were about steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	154.80	550,040
TENDERLOINS	155-160	154.42	104,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	98.86	93,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	91.54	97,800
LEGS	44-45	44.13	356,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.39	201,440
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	36.08	96,560
THIGHS	38-39	48.21	34,880
B/S THIGHS	96-97	96.05	74,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	102.45	149,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	48,883
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.29	49,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.70	19,200

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).
* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,000	148.00-155.00	152-155	152.36
TENDERLOINS	440	145.00-157.00	-	155.91
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,040	28.00-29.00	-	28.48
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,880	31.00	-	31.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,160	30.00-36.00	-	35.79

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 03/17	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 03/10
Alabama	4,200	3,689	5.09	3,995	5.08
Arkansas	5,533	5,285	4.97	5,447	4.96
Delmarva	2,229	2,082	5.59	2,158	5.50
KY-LA-TN	2,249	2,102	4.95	2,212	4.99
Mississippi	3,042	2,999	5.43	2,973	5.47
North Carolina	2,474	2,471	6.32	2,457	6.38
Texas	2,164	2,157	5.13	2,462	5.30
Total	21,891	20,785	5.29	21,704	5.32
Mon	21,891(A)			21,704(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Mar 2005 is estimated to be 32,751,000 up 0.56 percent from a week ago. and up 5.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,569,000 last year 31,010,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	550	145.00-200.00	148-150	151.16
TENDERLOINS	143	150.00-210.00	153-157	156.99
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	29.00-33.00	30	30.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	31.00-36.00	31-33	32.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	70.00-109.00	102-106	101.25
WINGS (CUT)	380	103.00-125.00	119-122	118.16
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR MAR 21, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
53.50 - 60.00	55.66	55.71

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 21-25-MAR-2005. CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	145.00 - 160.00	150.00 - 160.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	86.50 - 114.00	91.00 - 101.00
LEGS	40.00 - 55.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 39.00	31.00 - 33.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 36.00	-
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 54.00	-
THIGHS	39.00 - 49.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	75.00 - 112.00	-
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 60.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	90-102

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	105-107
DRY PACK	105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	108-111
DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	89-93
ICE PACK	89-95
DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS	180-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 18, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	23.25	23.75-25.00	580,000	220,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.25	24.44		

15-20%				
RANGE	19.50-28.00	17.75-25.50	1,988,000	1,468,000
WTD AVERAGE	23.83	23.27		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

MARCH 18, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	25.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		25.00		

15-20%				
RANGE	25.00-27.00	12.50-23.00	934,400	363,200
WTD AVERAGE	26.34	18.54		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	18.50	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11.25-13	12.27
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.5	11-13	12.19

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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